

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-751**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the First Annual Scholarship Gala presented by the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., and sponsored by Tec-Masters, Inc., on September 27, 2012, to be held in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, O. Wendell Davis, Pastor. The theme for the occasion is "Educational Excellence: Sowing Seeds for Success through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)." The Gala is to support the Academy's scholarship program and other initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), a subordinate laboratory to the Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), is the Army's focal point for providing research, development, and engineering technology and services for aviation and missiles platforms across the lifecycle. AMRDEC has a long history of providing unparalleled service to its aviation and missile customers, while always striving to provide the greatest service to its ultimate, the warfighter, by providing technology and weapon system solutions to ensure his/her victory on the battlefield. AMRDEC is under the leadership of the dynamic director, Mr. Eric Edwards; and,

**WHEREAS**, realizing that science and technological education remains critical to our Nation's continued success and security, the Army created the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP), which greatly expands and integrates an array of Army educational opportunities for the future generations of America's workforce and their teachers. The AEOP is comprised of Army-sponsored research, education, competitions, internships, and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students and teachers in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. AMRDEC participates in the following Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP): College Qualified Leaders, eCybermission, Educational Partnership Agreement (EPA), Faculty Research & Engineering Program (FREP), Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS), Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS), and Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP); and,

**WHEREAS**, from kindergarten through graduate school, students of all proficiency levels, interests, and ethnic, economic, and academic backgrounds are encouraged to participate in real world experiences involving these important disciplines. Through AMRDEC's AEOP, scientists, technology experts, engineers, mathematicians and other professionals, who serve as ambassadors, visit the local elementary, middle and high schools and colleges and universities in the Huntsville-Madison County Community speaking to students in the

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classrooms on technical skills development and career opportunities in the STEM discipline and serve as guest speakers for special programs. AMRDEC has a robust and widely recognized program in the Huntsville-Madison County Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and support the mission of Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., to promote and strengthen projects for the furtherance of religious, cultural, economic and community development. We congratulate Mr. Eric Edwards as a 2012 Gala Awardee, and extend best wishes to him and the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama